

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

**\$ 91.38**

Both methods for *Listeria* determination have the equivalent time needed for each step.

<sup>7</sup> *Salmonella* test may be in three steps as follows: Step 1—growth through differential agars; Step 2—growth and testing through triple sugar iron and lysine iron agars; Step 3—confirmatory test through biochemicals, and polyvalent serological testing with Poly "O" and Poly "H" antisera. The serological typing of *Salmonella* is requested on occasion.

<sup>8</sup> *Salmonella* test may be in three steps as follows: Step 1—growth in enrichment broths and ELISA test or DNA hybridization system assay; Step 2—growth and testing through triple sugar iron and lysine iron agars; Step 3—confirmatory test through biochemicals, and polyvalent serological testing with Poly "O" and Poly "H" antisera.

<sup>9</sup> *Salmonella typhi* determination in mechanically deboned meat.

**TABLE 6—LABORATORY FEES FOR AFLATOXIN ANALYSES**

Aflatoxin test by commodity	Single analysis	Pair analyses <sup>1</sup>
Peanut Butter (TLC-CB, HPLC, Affinity Column) .....	\$45.00	<sup>2</sup> NA
Corn (TLC-CB, HPLC, Affinity Column) .....	45.00	NA
Roasted Peanuts (TLC-BF) .....	45.00	NA
Brazil Nuts (TLC-BF) .....	90.00	NA
Pistachio Nuts (TLC-BF, HPLC) .....	90.00	NA
Shelled Peanuts (TLC, Affinity Column) .....	45.00	\$38.00
Shelled Peanuts (HPLC) .....	45.00	70.00
Tree Nuts (TLC) .....	45.00	NA
Oilseed Meals (TLC, HPLC, Affinity Column) .....	\$45.00	NA
Edible Seeds (TLC) .....	45.00	NA
Dried Fruit (TLC) .....	45.00	NA
Small Grains (TLC) .....	45.00	NA
In-Shell Peanuts Affinity Column (TLC) .....	45.00	38.00
In-Shell Peanuts (HPLC) .....	45.00	70.00
Silage; Other Grains (TLC) .....	45.00	NA
Submitted Samples (TLC, HPLC, Affinity Column) .....	45.00	NA
Aflatoxin (Dairy, Eggs) .....	157.50	NA

<sup>1</sup> Aflatoxin testing of raw peanuts under Peanut Marketing Agreement for subsamples 1-AB, 2-AB, 3-AB, and 1-CD for single or pair of analyses is \$19.00 or \$38.00, respectively using Thin-Layer Chromatography (TLC) and Best Foods (BF) extraction or immunoaffinity column assay with fluorometric quantitation. The BF method has been modified to incorporate a water slurry extraction procedure. The Contaminants Branch (CB) method is used on occasion as an alternative method for peanuts and peanut meal when doubt exists as to the effectiveness of the Best Foods method in extracting aflatoxin from the sample or when background interferences exist that might mask TLC quantitation of aflatoxin. The cost per single or pair of analyses using High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) is \$35.00 and \$70.00, respectively. Other aflatoxin for fruits and vegetables are listed at Science and Technology's current hourly rate of \$45.00.

<sup>2</sup> NA denotes not applicable.

**TABLE 7—MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY'S LABORATORY ANALYSIS FEES**

Laboratory service description	List fee
Sample Grinding by Vertical Cutter Mixer (VCM) .....	\$22.50
Sample Grinding Canned Boned Poultry .....	\$11.25 per can.
Sample Grinding by Dickens Hammer Mill .....	\$11.25.
Sample Grinding (Meats, Meat Products, Meals, Ready-to-Eat):	
Per pouch or raw sample .....	\$11.25.
Per tray pack .....	\$22.50.
Composting Multiple Subsamples for an Individual Test Sample Unit per subsample .....	Varies—Preparation fee based on \$45.00 per hour.

**TABLE 8—ADDITIONAL CHARGES APPLICABLE TO THE SAMPLE RECEIPT AND ANALYSIS REPORT**

Service description	List charge
Courier Expense at Other AMS Laboratories: Mileage Charge Set at 32.5¢ Per Mile Round Trip from Laboratory to Delivery Site.	Varies (based on total mileage).
Facsimile Charge (Per Analysis Report) .....	\$3.20 minimum up to first 3 pages, then \$1.50 per page.
Additional Analysis Report or Extra Certificate (½ hour charge) .....	\$22.50 per report or certificate re-issued.

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### **\$91.38 Additional fees for appeal of analysis.**

(a) The appellant will be charged an additional fee at a rate of 1.5 times the

standard rate stated in §91.37 (a) if, as a result of an authorized appeal analysis, it is determined that the original test results are correct. The appeal laboratory rate is \$67.50 per analysis hour.

(b) The appeal fee will be waived if the appeal laboratory test discloses that an inadvertent error was made in the original analysis.

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**§91.39 Premium hourly fee rate for overtime and legal holiday service.**

(a) Laboratory analyses initiated at the special request of the applicant to be rendered on Saturdays, Sundays, Federal holidays, and on an overtime basis will be charged at a rate of 1.5 times the standard rate stated in §91.37 (a). The premium laboratory rate for holiday and overtime service will be \$67.50 per analysis hour.

(b) Information on legal holidays or what constitutes overtime service at a particular S&T laboratory is available from the Laboratory Director or facility supervisor.

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**§91.40 Fees for courier service and facsimile of the analysis report.**

(a) The Science and Technology laboratories have a courier charge per trip to retrieve the sample package. The courier service charge is determined from the established single standard mileage rate and from the total authorized distance based on the shortest round trip route from laboratory to sample retrieval site. Pursuant to the requirements of paragraph (a) (1) of §5704 of Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), the automobile reimbursement rate cannot exceed the single standard mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(b) The faxing of laboratory analysis reports or certificates is an optional service for each S&T facility offered at a fee specified in table 8 in §91.37.

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**§91.41 Charges for demonstrations and courses of instruction.**

Charges, not in excess of the cost thereof and as approved by the Deputy Administrator, may be made for demonstrations, samples, or courses of instruction when such are furnished upon request.

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**§91.42 Billing.**

(a) Each billing cycle will end on the 25th of the month. The applicant will be billed by the National Finance Center using the Billings and Collections System (BLCO) on the 1st day, following the end of the billing cycle in which voluntary laboratory services and other services were rendered at a particular Science and Technology laboratory.

(b) The total charge shall normally be stated directly on the analysis report or on a standardized official certificate form for the laboratory analyses of a specific agricultural commodity and related commodity products.

(c) The actual bill for collection will be issued by the USDA, National Finance Center Billings and Collection Branch, (Mail: P.O. Box 60075), 13800 Old Gentilly Road, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0001.

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**§91.43 Payment of fees and charges.**

(a) Fees and charges for services shall be paid by the applicant, by check or money order payable, to the "Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA" and sent to the office indicated on the bill.

(b) Fees and charges for services under a cooperative agreement with a State or other AMS programs or other governmental agency will be paid in accordance with the terms of the cooperative agreement.

(c) As necessary, the Deputy Administrator may require that fees shall be paid in advance of the performance of the requested service. Any fees paid in excess of the amount due shall be used to offset future billings, unless a request for a refund is made by applicant.

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**§91.44 Charges on overdue accounts and issuance of delinquency notices.**

(a) Accounts are considered overdue if payment is late with the National Finance Center (NFC). The timeliness of a payment will be based on the postmark date of the payment or the date of receipt by the NFC if no postmark